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WILL WAGE A WARM WAR  
STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENTS AGAINST WILDCAT COMPANIES.

Insurance Companies That Have Been Barred Try to Carry on Business Through the Mail.

The insurance departments of the different States are getting ready to make a vigorous fight on what they call "wildcat" insurance companies. These are concerns that organize in one State and seek to do business in another State without authority. They probably apply to the auditor of state for permission to carry on business, and when refused on account of their inability to conform to the law they undertake to transact business by mail. It is this kind of insurance companies that the insurance departments of States are after.

At the meeting of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners held at Baltimore some time ago this matter was discussed and it was decided to fight these "wildcat" companies through the medium of Congress by procuring legislation that will prevent such concerns from using the mails. The president of the National Association was authorized to select a committee to undertake this work. Renau E. Folk, insurance commissioner for Tennessee, was selected as chairman of this committee and yesterday Mr. Folk wired Auditor Sherrick that he had been made a member of the committee. There is to be a meeting of the committee at Cincinnati Oct. 29, when plans for committee work will be arranged. It is the purpose of the committee to try to convince Congress that postal legislation is needed to shut out this vicious class of insurance companies.

Auditor Sherrick says that frequently letters are received by the insurance department of his office from persons who have insured property in one of these irresponsible companies and the transaction is usually conducted by mail.

At the Baltimore convention Auditor Sherrick was appointed chairman of the executive committee of the association, and within a few weeks he will issue a call to this committee to meet in Indianapolis next October. His executive committee will outline a program for the Indianapolis meeting and the Cincinnati conference. All of the States except Indiana and Arkansas have insurance commissioners who are appointed by the government. Indiana and Arkansas the auditor of state fills the office of commissioner.

WOMAN SENT TO JAIL

Mrs. William Smith charged with Making a False Affidavit

Mrs. William Smith, charged with violating the United States pension laws, was given a hearing yesterday before United States Commissioner Moore and bound over to the grand jury. She was unable to furnish the \$500 bond required and was lodged in jail.

Mrs. Smith was married to Samuel Haines, of Ottawa county, Ohio, a pensioner of the civil war, but obtained a divorce from him in 1888. She then married John English, from whom she also obtained a divorce, and married Smith in 1901. Mr. Haines died during that year. A few months ago Mrs. Smith made a false affidavit alleging that she was the widow of Haines and entitled to the pension. She was arrested yesterday and brought before the commissioner.

Have you seen Mrs. Austin's New Dress?

## LIGHTING AND PAVING

MUNICIPAL EXPERTS DISCUSS THESE SUBJECTS AT LENGTH.

Rochester, N. Y., Is Described as Approaching an Ideal to Which All Cities Should Aspire.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE A. S. M. I.

CHAS. C. BROWN, OF INDIANAPOLIS, HONORED BY THE DELEGATES.

St. Louis Is Selected as the Meeting Place for Next Year—The Closing Day.

After the most successful convention in the history of the organization, the American Society of Municipal Improvements finished its program at the Commercial Club yesterday afternoon. The delegates, for the most part, left for their homes last night, although a few city officials and engineers remain to examine street improvements and other construction work in Indianapolis.

The most important business of the tenth annual convention yesterday was the election of officers. In accordance with the policy of the society the chief officers were advanced a step, the executive retiring, G. M. Ballard, of Newark, N. J., is the new president of the society. A. Prescott Folwell, of Easton, Pa., is first vice president, and the other officers are: Charles C. Brown, Indianapolis, second vice president; W. D. Howe, Concord, N. H., third vice president; G. W. Tillson, Brooklyn, secretary; and F. J. O'Brien, Oswego, N. Y., treasurer.

C. C. BROWN HONORED.

The election of Mr. Brown to the second vice presidency is an expression of the regard in which the Indianapolis engineer is held by the members of the American society. Mr. Brown worked like a Trojan to secure this year's convention for Indianapolis, and he has exerted himself night and day to make the delegates have a good time and to insure the success of the meeting.

Only one change was made in the finance committee, E. G. Barrow, of Hamilton, Ont., being elected to succeed J. M. McCartin, of Birmingham, Ala. The standing committees on street paving, electric street lighting, sewerage and sanitation, waterworks and water supply, taxation and assessment, city government and legislation, disposition of garbage and street cleaning, municipal franchises and revenue, and the special committees on municipal statistics and park development and maintenance, will be appointed by the new president. The services of the present committee have been so valuable that it is probable that their personnel will be little changed by Mr. Ballard.

ST. LOUIS NEXT YEAR.

St. Louis will be the meeting place next year. This city had practically no opposition in the contest, the world's fair being a magnet the delegates could not resist. The report of the committee on electric street lighting was the first paper read at the morning session. E. A. Fisher, of Rochester, N. Y., presented the report. He said that no tables for the price of arc lights in American cities had been compiled. The usual period for arc light contracts is five years. A general comparison of the cost of arc light systems in various States and the basis for comparison was 2,000-candlepower at 450 watts.

The table showed that the average number of hours lighting a year in 1927 were 2,500; in 1928, 2,400; in 1929, 2,300; in 1930, 2,200; in 1931, 2,100; in 1932, 2,000; in 1933, 1,900; in 1934, 1,800; in 1935, 1,700; in 1936, 1,600; in 1937, 1,500; in 1938, 1,400; in 1939, 1,300; in 1940, 1,200; in 1941, 1,100; in 1942, 1,000; in 1943, 900; in 1944, 800; in 1945, 700; in 1946, 600; in 1947, 500; in 1948, 400; in 1949, 300; in 1950, 200; in 1951, 100; in 1952, 50; in 1953, 25; in 1954, 12; in 1955, 6; in 1956, 3; in 1957, 1; in 1958, 1; in 1959, 1; in 1960, 1; in 1961, 1; in 1962, 1; in 1963, 1; in 1964, 1; in 1965, 1; in 1966, 1; in 1967, 1; in 1968, 1; in 1969, 1; in 1970, 1; in 1971, 1; in 1972, 1; in 1973, 1; in 1974, 1; in 1975, 1; in 1976, 1; in 1977, 1; in 1978, 1; in 1979, 1; in 1980, 1; in 1981, 1; in 1982, 1; in 1983, 1; in 1984, 1; in 1985, 1; in 1986, 1; in 1987, 1; in 1988, 1; in 1989, 1; in 1990, 1; in 1991, 1; in 1992, 1; in 1993, 1; in 1994, 1; in 1995, 1; in 1996, 1; in 1997, 1; 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